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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN SECRETARY FOR ARMED FORCES SENDS EMBASSY  
OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF TROOP PULLOUT IN IRAQ

1. On April 28, Embassy received official correspondence from Secretary of Armed Forces, Jose Miguel Soto Jimenez, stating the Dominican Republic's intention to remove their troops from Iraq. His letter is dated April 20 but was almost certainly written on April 26 or April 27.

2. An image of the original is available on our SIPRNET site, linked to the article "DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: PRES. MEJIA EXPLAINS TROOP PULLOUT FROM IRAQ."

3. Following is an unofficial translation.

(Begin Translation)

Your Excellency, Mr. Ambassador:

This Ministry warmly salutes your Embassy, and takes advantage of this occasion to inform you that the Dominican government has made the firm decision to remove, as quickly as possible, our soldiers from the state of Iraq. They have been there since August 2003 as part of the coalition for Operation Iraqi Freedom, led by your prestigious country, with the praiseworthy mission of liberating and creating the proper conditions for the advancement of that grand society of Iraq. We have issued directives in keeping with this determination.

The Dominican Armed Forces take advantage of the opportunity to reiterate its support to the United States government in its war against terrorism and in its quest for world peace, at the same time reiterating our high sentiments of consideration and esteem.

(signed)

Jose Miguel Soto Jimenez

(End translation)

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